



St. Croix Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians

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Location: Barron, Polk and Burnett Counties, western Wisconsin



St. Croix

Tribal Statistics

There are currently 1,031 St. Croix tribal members.

The St. Croix Reservation, located mostly in Barron County, totals 4,689 acres.

- 2,126 acres are tribally owned
- 2,563 acres are considered fee land
- St. Croix has additional trust land located in Barron, Burnett, and Polk Counties.
- Approximately 735 tribal members live on or near reservation, trust, or fee land

St. Croix is the largest employer in Burnett County and the 2nd largest employer in Barron County (*Source: Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development*). They employ approximately 1,860 people.

Tribal Government

St. Croix is governed by a five person council.

- The council meets monthly
- Decisions are made by a majority rule
- Elections are held every two years

Brief History

The St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin were federally recognized in 1938. They have lived in what is present-day Wisconsin for centuries.

Tribal Services

Law Enforcement

- 3 officers
- Cross-deputized with the Burnett County Sheriff's Department and for specific operations with the Barron County Sheriff's Department
- Funded primarily with tribal funds, some discretionary federal grants, and Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance funds

Court System

- 1 judge
- Must pass bar to practice
- The St. Croix court system handles cases such as tribal ordinances/commercial contract cases, housing evictions, Indian Child Welfare Act cases, and on/off reservation natural resource, fish and wildlife citations
- Funded by U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission and tribal funds

Education

St. Croix youth are educated in four primary school districts. These districts are:

- Siren School District (102 students/20% of the student body)
- Webster School District (126/16.8%)
- Unity School District (82/7.4%)
- Cumberland School District (58/4.9%)

(Source: Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction)

St. Croix operates a Head Start Program for Native American and non-Native American children ages 3 to 5. Funding comes from the federal Head Start Bureau with a 20% tribal match.

Healthcare

- Clinic services include: general health care, pharmacy, dental, optometry, podiatry, mental health, community health, maternal child health; Women, Infants and Children (WIC) programs; Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (AODA) programs, and transportation services.

Social Services

- Elders Advocate program
- Foster Grandparents and Senior Companion
- Tribal Historic Preservation
- Traditions Respecting American Indian Lifestyles (TRAILS)
- Child care program
- Head Start program
- Youth center program
- Indian Child Welfare Act program
- Family resources
- Alternatives to Violence
- AODA
- Food distribution
- Funded through a variety of tribal, state and federal monies

Economic Enterprises

- St. Croix employs approximately 1,860 people
- Government employment is 56% Native American and 44% non-Native American
- Enterprise employment is 25% Native American and 75% non-Native American

<u>Business</u>	<u>Type of Business</u>
St. Croix Casino and Hotel Turtle Lake, WI	Gaming/lodging/meeting facility
Hole in the Wall Casino and Hotel Danbury, WI	Gaming/lodging facility
Little Turtle Hertel Express Hertel, WI	Gas station/convenience store
St. Croix Waters Fishery Danbury, WI	Aquaculture facility, commercial fishery
Chippewa Check Services Siren, WI	Cash access business

Four Winds Market
Siren, WI

Grocery store

Southwinds Professional Center
Siren, WI

Office space complex

SCT Lumber
Webster, WI

Lumber company

St. Croix Construction Co.
Hertel, WI

Construction company

St. Croix Tribal Health Clinic
Hertel, WI

Health services

SCT Travel Agency
Siren, WI

Travel agency

Eagles Landing Campground
Danbury, WI

Campground

Many Nations Recovery Home
Pensacola, FL

Drug and Alcohol halfway home

St. Croix Tribal Smokeshop
Four Locations

Tobacco products and gifts